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1. No new information has been received that would change the conclusions reached in Special National Intelligence Estimate 98-67, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY, 23 March 1967.
2. Some leaders of the Communist Party of Uruguay are beginning to express doubts about total success in Montevideo of the general strike which the party had scheduled for 12 April. The national labor union confederation is Communist oriented but influential leaders fear that they cannot assure widespread participation and, therefore, are not disposed to order all the member unions to join. The confederation will, however, "lend support" to those individual unions which decide to take part. Although many certainly will, the strike's impact would be lessened because certain key groups, such as teachers, an important bus company union, the majority of the government enterprise unions and the Montevideo municipal workers may not join the strike. The rank and file of many of those unions are supporters of the government party and apparently are reluctant to become involved in a political repudiation of the government.
3. The Communists still plan to call for a series of lightning meetings in Maldonado, the largest city near Punta del Este. The main demonstration there is scheduled for 11 April. Party leaders have expressed doubts that the march from Montevideo to Punta del Este will be an outstanding success. Because of the paucity of donations, the organizing committee will not be able to provide logistical support for more than 500 marchers.

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(they had hoped for 1,000).

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[REDACTED] The Communists would lose much valuable propaganda if the marchers get outside Montevideo and away from public scrutiny before the police make their move.

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